

COLON-RECTUM TUMOURS PREVENTION SCREENING PROGRAM

Colon-Rectum tumour represents the second cause of death for cancer both for men (after lung cancer) and women (after breast cancer); the growing of colon-rectal tumour in almost all cases (about 90%), preceded by benign tumours, (polypuses or adenomas) which may, during the time, degenerate and become tumours (about 25% of the cases).

Colon-rectum screening program allows to single out and to diagnose polypuses or tumours precociously; it's proposed specially to women and men from 50 to 69 years old because it's in this range of age that the risk to fall ill of Colon-Rectum tumour is higher, and it's higher, thanks to the precocious diagnosis, the chance of intervening in time and of having good prognosis, too.

If you are *positive* to the test, the program proposes, as usual free of charge, a colonoscopy for a deeper diagnosis. Further exams and therapies for the ones who will be *positive* to the colonoscopy will be provided, they will be followed step by step by the *A.U.S.L.*

According to medical literature, only 3 or 4% of the ones who make the test for blood hidden in the feces has a *positive* result (blood in the feces). Among these who had a *positive* result in the first exam, in only one-every-three cases a polypus or a tumour is diagnosed.

Citizens may find information or explanations, Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the *Ufficio Relazioni con il Pubblico* (Public Relations Office) of the *Guglielmo da Saliceto* hospital (Cantone del Cristo), in Piacenza (Tel. 0523.30.31.25, e-mail: screening.colon@ausl.pc.it).

Further information available visiting the AUSL Piacenza Website (www.ausl.pc.it) or the regional sanitary service website (www.saluter.it).